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Fight to Dislodge the Boodiers

The contention in the legislature over the disposition of the fees received by the secretary of the territory, even though there should be no legislation enacted to cover the large sums received from that source into the territorial treasury, will at least place on record every member of the legislature and show to what extent the newspapers of Phoenix and of some other sections are influenced by the patronage from the secretary's office. It will be great gain for the people to know these facts, if they will use the knowledge in the future to turn down the politicians and their supporters who have conspired to defeat the will of the people.

One of the pledges contained in the democratic territorial platform was the following:

"We favor the amendment of all laws placing large perquisites in the hands of government officials in this territory, and demand that all of such perquisites shall be covered into the treasury, and fixed salaries created for all territorial appointees and clerical forces, as may be necessarily required for the effective administration of the government affairs pertaining to each department of the same."

The recommendation made by Governor Brodie, in line with the above, is equally strong, and more explicit in that he favors the transfer of the business of corporations from the office of the secretary of the territory to that of the auditor.

Mr. Cowan's bill provides for this, and is in fulfillment of the democratic platform pledge. On the other hand, Mr. Ashurst, who was a prominent figure in the democratic convention and gave his approval to the platform, has introduced a bill the plain purpose of which is to defeat the reform that his party has declared for, and which is in the interest of the taxpayers. Nearly all the newspapers of Phoenix are arrayed on the side of the boodiers, and the most shameless of them all is the Arizona Democrat, which appears to be getting the largest share of patronage in the way of articles of incorporation for publication.

Last Friday the committee on territorial affairs of the house, to whom the Cowan bill was referred, submitted majority and minority reports. The majority report was brief, and recommended that the bill do not pass. The minority report, which recommended the passage of the bill, was not read, it having been ruled out of order, and so far as we know, not one of the Phoenix papers (we did not see the Review) had the fairness to publish the minority report.

However, the attempt to suppress the report was not altogether successful, as the correspondent of the Bisbee Review secured a copy and it is published in its issue of March 1. The minority members state that their request to see the fee books, which should be on file in Secretary Stoddard's office, was met with refusal from the assistant secretary, acting under instructions from the secretary, and the statement that the fee books for periods past were not kept in the office, but destroyed. From the fee book in which entries are now being made, and from copies of letters that the secretary has written, it was found that he collected during twenty-five days of January, 1903, more than \$3,000 in fees, and for eighteen days in February, more than \$1,500. Taking these figures as an index, the minority members of the committee estimate that Secretary Stoddard is collecting about \$40,000 a year. These figures do not include the sums that the secretary receives for his services as agent for corporations or for publication of articles of incorporation.

The report further states that he receives about \$6,000 a year from the United States government or territory of Arizona for salary for himself and his assistant, for the payment of office expenses, such as clerks and messenger and also that other expenses such as light, fuel, stationery and office rent are paid for by the government.

The report recommends that action be taken by the house to compel the

secretary to produce all fee books of the fees collected by him during his term of office, and this was done through the adoption of a resolution offered by Mr. Cowan, for the appointment of a new committee of five to further investigate Mr. Stoddard, and the committee is empowered to send for books, papers and persons, administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath and report the result of the investigation to the house. The members of the committee are: Speaker Powers, Cowan, Williams, St. Charles and O'Connell.

If the committee does its duty, as we have reason to believe it will, there will be some interesting disclosures.

Whether the effect of the renewal of the compact in the council between the five republican members and Messrs. Packard and Rice, as stated by our Phoenix correspondent, will be beneficial or detrimental to the territory's interests, depends entirely on what the legislative autoerats consider "vicious legislation," but having a good opinion of several of the gentlemen, we believe it will.

Secretary Stoddard is a real bad man for the fellows that fail to secure his patronage—for us, we think the colonel is about right.—Arizona Democrat, The Democrat, then, admits that its opinion of Secretary Stoddard is controlled by the patronage it receives from him. A humiliating admission, truly!

An Abject Surrender

Nothing that has yet transpired in the legislature since the present session caused so much surprise and met with such general disapproval as the concurrent resolution introduced by Mr. Burson, and passed by the democratic majority of the council, declaring that if it is the purpose and intent of congress to refuse the territories of Arizona and New Mexico admission as separate states, then the people of Arizona would accept joint statehood with New Mexico. While Mr. Burson introduced the resolution, President Ives is credited as its author and was insistent for its adoption.

Such a declaration from either branch of the Arizona legislature was wholly unexpected, as early in the session a joint resolution was unanimously adopted declaring that the people of Arizona were unalterably opposed to a compromise looking to the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state, which resolution was known to voice nine out of every ten citizens of Arizona who take any interest in the question.

The resolution contains no reservation whatever regarding the duration of the proposed union with New Mexico. Nothing is said about separation when Arizona shall have acquired a population deemed requisite. In fact the resolution is an abject surrender on the part of the democrats in the council to Beveridge and the other republicans who have so bitterly assailed and maligned our territory.

True the house refused to concur and severely censured the council for its unwarranted action in the matter, but, unfortunately, the damage had already been done; the resolution and the council's action thereon was immediately telegraphed to Mark Smith and no doubt accepted by him as the will of the democratic party of Arizona, and there can be no reason to doubt that hereafter when the statehood question is again brought up in congress, that monstrous statehood resolution will rise to plague us, and will prove an effective weapon in the hands of our opponents at Washington.

The reprehensible action of the council on this matter only goes to show that the democratic party in Arizona has among its leaders men who are absolutely swayed by self-interest, and who will not hesitate to betray their party if by so doing they can reasonably hope to advance their own political fortunes. For these men we have only contempt, and for others, more honest, who are so weak as to be led by them, pity.

The house, by unanimously rejecting the resolution, and at the same time administering a rebuke to the council, has done all in its power to avert a blunder and its timely action meets with wide approval.

There appears to be a growing sentiment in favor of repealing the ranger law. It is claimed the benefits are not commensurate with the cost of maintaining the system. This is a matter which should be inquired into by the legislature which is now trying to devise ways and means to reduce the burden of taxation.—Star.

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The Eight-Hour Bill

The emasculated eight-hour bill finally passed both houses of the legislature on Monday last and is in the hands of the governor. Speculation as to what disposition he will make of it is probably idle, although Mr. Brodie in his message to the Twenty-second legislature referred to eight-hour legislation in terms which showed that he considered it of at least doubtful expedience.

He said: "I would respectfully suggest that a fair and impartial view of the subject be taken; that consideration be given to the effect of the same upon the mining industry of the territory, as well as the labor interests, remembering that such laws are sometimes two-edged and may, if improperly framed, or made too far-reaching in effect, do damage instead of good to the interests of those for whose benefit they have been framed and passed."

The bill as passed applies only to workmen in underground mines or workings. It is believed that such a law would make very little difference to the large mining companies, as most of the employees of such companies working underground have eight-hour shifts. The law is more likely to work a hardship upon companies and individual owners of small means developing claims in the prospect stage, which really have the most important bearing on the development of the mining industry of the territory.

The Twenty-second legislature has passed the poll tax law, introduced by Assemblyman Webb, of Graham county. In many respects the new law is similar to the one on the statute books of Arizona prior to 1900. It provides for the collection of the poll tax by the employer from the employee and where the taxpayer possesses real estate the poll tax becomes a lien on the property, the same as any other taxes.

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This, therefore, is to notify you that if you do not pay your full proportion of the costs of said work, together with the cost of this advertisement, within ninety days after the expiration of this notice, your interest in said mining claims as co-owner will utterly cease, and by operation of law become the property of the undersigned.

JAMES K. MCCARTHY,
Globe, Arizona, Jan. 6, 1903. 27m3

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SUMMONS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GILA.

A. Eisenberg and Company, }
a Partnership, Plaintiff, }
vs. }
Ernest Jonson, Defendant. }

Action brought in the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Gila, and the complaint filed in said County of Gila, in the office of the Clerk of said District Court.

The Territory of Arizona sends greeting to Ernest Jonson, defendant.

You are hereby summoned and required to appear in an action brought against you by the above-named plaintiff, in the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Gila, and answer the complaint filed with the Clerk of this Court at Globe, in said County, (a copy of which complaint accompanies this summons), within twenty days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service upon you of this summons—if served in this County, in all other cases thirty days—or judgment by default will be taken against you according to the prayer of said complaint.

And you are hereby notified, that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, as above required the said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief therein demanded, and costs and disbursements in this behalf expended.

Given under my hand and the seal of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Gila, this 14th day of February, A. D. 1903. CHAS. T. MARTIN,
[Seal.] Clerk.

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ORDER

To Show Cause Why Order of Sale of Real Estate Should Not Be Made.

In the Probate Court of the County of Gila, Territory of Arizona.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth B. Bisseg, Deceased.

It appearing to this Court, by the petition this day presented and filed by Mary J. Thomson, administratrix of the estate of Elizabeth B. Bisseg, deceased, that it is necessary to sell the whole or some portion of the real estate of said deceased to pay the debts of said deceased and the expenses and charges of administration.

It is therefore ordered by this Court: That all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before the said Probate Court, on Friday, the 27th day of March, A. D. 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., of said day, at the court room of said Court, at the court house in the city of Globe, Gila county, Territory of Arizona, to show cause why an order should not be granted to said Mary J. Thomson, administratrix, to sell so much of the real estate as shall be necessary, and that a copy of this order be published four successive weeks in the ARIZONA SILVER BELT, a newspaper printed and published in the said County of Gila.

Dated February 25, 1903.
P. C. ROBERTSON,
Judge of the Probate Court.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Frank Bisseg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Frank Bisseg, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said administratrix, at Payson, Gila county, Arizona, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in said county of Gila.

MARY J. THOMSON,
Administratrix of the Estate of Frank Bisseg, Deceased.
Dated, Globe, this 21st day of Feb., 1903.

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